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SHRI MADAN LAL SHARMA (JAMMU): Sir, as the House is aware, there is a long pending demand from my constituency for construction of a second bridge on River Chenab at Akhnoor. This matter was also raised by me in Lok Sabha during Question Hour on 22.07.2004 and the hon. Minister of Defence was kind enough to reply that the lowest bid in respect of this bridge has been finalised and this bridge is scheduled to be completed in December, 2007.

It is learnt that because of sincere efforts by this Government, construction of this bridge was approved and tender was allotted. However, this tender was cancelled and all the progress in the matter has come to a halt for the reasons best known to the authorities concerned. As a result of this, the public has no other alternative but to suffer even after sincere efforts of the Central Government in sanctioning the proposal.

I urge upon the Government to look into the matter and ensure that the process is expedited so that this bridge could be constructed and the long pending demand of the region could be met at the earliest.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Jashubhai D. Barad − not present.

Shri Iqbal Ahamed Saradgi − not present.

Shri Jual Oram − not present.